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Nationally, corn for grain production is forecast at 13.8 billion bushels, down 1 percent from the previous forecast and down 4 percent from last year. Soybean production is forecast at 3.63 billion bushels, down 1 percent from the previous forecast and down 20 percent from last year. All cotton production is forecast at 21.9 million 480-pound bales, down 3 percent from the previous forecast but up 19 percent from 2018.

### **Key findings for the Southern Region from the September Crop Production**

**Alabama:** Corn for grain production is forecast at 49.1 million bushels, up 26 percent from 2018. Cotton production forecast, at 1.05 million bales, is up 18 percent from 2018. If realized, this will be the highest production for the state since 1948. Peanut acreage is revised up to 160,000 acres with production forecasted at 534 million pounds, down 3 percent from 2018. Soybean production at 12.1 million bushels is down 13 percent from last year.

**Florida:** Cotton acreage is revised down to 113,000 planted and 111,000 harvested with production forecasted at 210,000 bales, up 104 percent from 2018 when Hurricane Michael devastated the Panhandle of Florida. Peanut acreage is revised up to 165,000 with production forecasted up 23 percent from last year at 620 million pounds. Sugarcane production is forecast at 18.1 million tons, up 5 percent from 2018.

**Georgia:** Corn for grain production is forecast at 55.6 million bushels, up 11 percent from 2018. Cotton production forecast, at 2.70 million bales, is up 38 percent from 2018's hurricane damaged crop. Peanut acreage is revised up to 670,000 planted and 660,000 harvested with production forecasted at 2.90 billion pounds, up slightly from 2018. Yield is forecast at 4,400 pounds per acre. Soybean production at 3.47 million bushels is down 36 percent from last year.

**South Carolina:** Corn for grain production is forecast at 40.4 million bushels, up 3 percent from 2018. Cotton production forecast, at 510,000 bales, is up 21 percent from the 2018 crop which was impacted by Hurricanes Florence and Michael. Peanut acreage is unchanged at 65,000 planted with production forecasted at 223 million pounds, a 20 percent decrease from 2018. Soybean production, at 11.6 million bushels, is a 4 percent increase from last year.

# Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, and Production — States and United States: 2018 and Forecasted 2019

Crop and State	Area planted		Area harvested		Yield per acre			Production	
	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019		2018	2019
						August 1	September 1		
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)				(1,000)	(1,000)
Corn <sup>1</sup> .....(bushels)									
Alabama.....	260	320	250	305	156.0	161.0	161.0	39,000	49,105
Florida <sup>2</sup> .....	100	80	65		157.0			10,205	
Georgia.....	325	380	285	335	176.0	170.0	166.0	50,160	55,610
South Carolina ....	340	380	310	345	127.0	109.0	117.0	39,370	40,365
United States .....	89,129	90,005	81,740	82,017	176.4	169.5	168.2	14,420,101	13,799,151
Cotton, all <sup>3</sup> .. (bales)									
Alabama.....	510.0	540.0	497.0	535.0	858	942	942	888.0	1,050.0
Florida.....	117.0	113.0	93.0	111.0	532	915	908	103.0	210.0
Georgia.....	1,430.0	1,400.0	1,305.0	1,390.0	719	932	932	1,955.0	2,700.0
South Carolina ....	300.0	300.0	275.0	295.0	733	895	830	420.0	510.0
United States .....	14,100.3	13,761.5	10,205.8	12,509.4	864	855	839	18,367.0	21,862.0
Peanuts .... (pounds)									
Alabama.....	165.0	160.0	162.0	157.0	3,400	3,300	3,400	550,800	533,800
Florida.....	155.0	165.0	140.0	155.0	3,600	4,000	4,000	504,000	620,000
Georgia.....	665.0	670.0	650.0	660.0	4,450	4,400	4,400	2,892,500	2,904,000
South Carolina ....	87.0	65.0	82.0	62.0	3,400	3,500	3,600	278,800	223,200
United States .....	1,425.5	1,425.0	1,368.5	1,383.0	3,991	4,008	4,086	5,461,600	5,650,900
Soybeans..(bushels)									
Alabama.....	345	280	340	275	41.0	44.0	44.0	13,940	12,100
Florida <sup>2</sup> .....	18		12		38.0			456	
Georgia.....	145	110	135	105	40.0	38.0	33.0	5,400	3,465
South Carolina ..	390	350	375	340	29.5	31.0	34.0	11,063	11,560
United States ....	89,196	76,700	88,110	75,866	51.6	48.5	47.9	4,543,883	3,632,651
Sugarcane <sup>4</sup> ... (tons)									
Florida.....	(NA)	(NA)	412.3	411.0	41.9	43.3	44.1	17,256	18,125
United States ....	(NA)	(NA)	899.7	919.5	38.4	37.5	37.8	34,542	34,755
Tobacco.... (pounds)									
Georgia.....	(NA)	(NA)	12.5	9.0	1,900	2,000	2,000	23,750	18,000
South Carolina ....	(NA)	(NA)	12.3	8.5	1,800	2,000	2,000	22,140	17,000
United States .....	(NA)	(NA)	291.4	230.9	1,830	2,110	2,090	533,241	482,702

(NA) Not available.

<sup>1</sup> Planted for all purposes, harvested for grain.

<sup>2</sup> Blank cells indicate that individual state level estimates will be published in the *Crop Production 2019 Summary*, released January 2020.

<sup>3</sup> Yield is in pounds. Production ginned and to be ginned. Production is in 480-lb. net weight bales.

<sup>4</sup> For sugar and seed.

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